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Senator Abruzzo moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1644 and 1645

insert:

Section 42. Yellow dot critical motorist medical information program; yellow dot decal, folder, and information form.-

(1) The governing body of a county may create a yellow dot critical motorist medical information program to facilitate the provision of emergency medical care to program participants by emergency medical responders by making critical medical



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12 information readily available to responders in the event of a  
13 motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a  
14 participant's vehicle.

15 (2) (a) The governing body of a county may solicit  
16 sponsorships from business entities and not-for-profit  
17 organizations to cover the costs of the program, including the  
18 cost of decals and folders that must be provided free of charge  
19 to participants. Two or more counties may enter into an  
20 interlocal agreement to solicit such sponsorships.

21 (b) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or  
22 the Department of Transportation may provide education and  
23 training to encourage emergency medical responders to  
24 participate in the program and may take reasonable measures to  
25 publicize the program.

26 (3) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may request to  
27 participate in the program in the manner prescribed by the  
28 governing body of the county. A participant shall receive a  
29 yellow dot decal, a yellow dot folder, and a form on which the  
30 participant shall provide his or her personal and medical  
31 information.

32 (a) The form must include a statement that the information  
33 provided will be disclosed only to authorized personnel of law  
34 enforcement and public safety agencies, emergency medical  
35 services agencies, and hospitals for the purposes authorized in  
36 subsection (5).

37 (b) The form must describe the confidential nature of the  
38 medical information voluntarily provided by the participant and  
39 must include a notice to the participant stating that, by  
40 providing the medical information and signing the form, he or



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41 she agrees to the disclosure of the medical information to  
42 authorized personnel and their use of such information solely  
43 for the purposes listed in subsection (5).

44 (c) The county may not charge a fee to participate in the  
45 yellow dot program.

46 (4) (a) The participant shall affix the decal onto the rear  
47 window in the left lower corner of a motor vehicle or in a  
48 clearly visible location on a motorcycle.

49 (b) A person who rides in a motor vehicle as a passenger  
50 may also participate in the program but may not be issued a  
51 decal if a decal has been issued to the owner or lessee of the  
52 motor vehicle in which the person rides.

53 (c) The yellow dot folder, which shall be stored in the  
54 glove compartment of the motor vehicle or in a compartment  
55 attached to a motorcycle, shall contain a form with the  
56 following information about the participant:

57 1. The participant's name.

58 2. The participant's photograph.

59 3. Emergency contact information for no more than two  
60 persons.

61 4. The participant's medical information, including medical  
62 conditions, recent surgeries, allergies, and current  
63 medications.

64 5. The participant's hospital preference.

65 6. Contact information for no more than two physicians.

66 (5) (a) If the driver or a passenger of a motor vehicle is  
67 involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and  
68 a yellow dot decal is affixed to the vehicle, an emergency  
69 medical responder at the scene may search the glove compartment



70 of the vehicle for the corresponding yellow dot folder.

71 (b) The use of the information contained in the yellow dot  
72 folder by an emergency medical responder at the scene is limited  
73 to the following purposes:

74 1. To positively identify the participant.

75 2. To ascertain whether the participant has a medical  
76 condition that might impede communications between the  
77 participant and the responder.

78 3. To access the medical information form.

79 4. To ensure that the participant's current medications and  
80 preexisting medical conditions are considered when emergency  
81 medical treatment is administered for any injury to or condition  
82 of the participant.

83 (6) The governing body of a participating county shall  
84 adopt guidelines and procedures to prevent the public disclosure  
85 of confidential information through the program.

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87 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

88 And the title is amended as follows:

89 Delete line 208

90 and insert:

91 plates; authorizing the governing body of a county to  
92 create a yellow dot critical motorist medical  
93 information program for certain purposes; authorizing  
94 a county to solicit sponsorships and enter into an  
95 interlocal agreement with another county to solicit  
96 such sponsorships for the medical information program;  
97 authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
98 Vehicles and the Department of Transportation to



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99 provide education and training and publicize the  
100 program; requiring the program to be free to  
101 participants; providing for yellow dot program decals,  
102 folders, and participant information forms; providing  
103 procedures for use of the decal, folder, and form;  
104 providing for limited use of information on the forms  
105 by emergency medical responders; requiring the  
106 governing body of a participating county to adopt  
107 guidelines and procedures to ensure that confidential  
108 information is not made public; providing an effective  
109 date.